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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALLEN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 39, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENDY & Co., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GEORGE & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS GENERALLY.—BAIN & ELICK, San Fran-

cisco.

SINGAPORE STRAITS, &c.—SAMUEL & CO., Singapore.

Portuguese Consulate, July 1884. 1248

NOTICE.

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CHIN YEE CHEANG,

New Manager,
CHINE IMPERIAL TELEGRAPH
ADMINISTRATION.

Hongkong, July 30, 1884. 1257

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours—9 A.M. to 3 P.M.; Saturday, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

2.—The Amts of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trust, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing a clean ten-cent stamp to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with a ten-cent stamp the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Deposits in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months or 5 years, at the rate of interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Posts by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to deposits on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Limitations, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank, will, if marked On Hongkong Saving' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial ports in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, July 14, 1884. 1161

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have this day Admitted as a PARTNER in our Firm Mr. WILLIAM SELL ORR.

Our Partners now are Mr. THOMAS DEAS HOYD, MR. EDWARD NELSON ROSE, MR. THOMAS COVIL and MR. WILLIAM SNELL ORR.

BOYD & Co.

Annoy, 1st July, 1884. 1094

Intimations.

APPEL D'OFFRES.

ON fait savoir à tous ceux qu'il appartenait:

que les personnes qui voudront concourir pour le réfection du steamer *Sovereign* 1518 Tonnes de jauge, coulé dans le port de Saigon, devront déposer leur soumission au Gouvernement du Tribunal de la Justice de Saigon d'ici au 21 Août 1884 à 5 heures du matin le dernier délai.

Le 22 Août 1884 à 7 heures de matin le Président prononcera, après ouverture des commissions, en faveur de l'offre la plus avantageuse.

Chaque soumission, cachetée, écrite en français avec signature légalisée par le Conseil de la Cour de la Justice, doit indiquer:

1. Le prix demandé pour réparer, renouveler et mettre en état le dit steamer, le prix payable seulement en cas de succès.

2. Le temps demandé pour conduire à fin les opérations.

La réparation est calculée par 12 mètres de profondeur moyenne.

Pour plus amples renseignements s'adresser à Saigon à

M. F. M. ENGLER & Co.,
Signataires
1063 S. Notes.

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,
WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will REOPEN

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS
on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been NEWLY FURNISHED throughout, and the ROOMS which were either MARKED OFF or SEPARATELY RENTED are now available.

THE TABLES are supplied with the BEST market produce.

THE WINES and LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table will be of the VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENTLEMEN desirous of taking Meals, such as TIFFINS and DINNERS, can have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 368

HOP SWING & Co.,
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,
COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON
FOUNDRIES, &c.,
WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING this Day commenced Braspaces, see reader's notice Work the new Docks under the Supervision of the experienced ENGRINER.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1884. 611

Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS for the SUPPLY of 300 tons Best CARDIFF COALS to H.M.P.M. Corvette *Endepathia*, will be Received at the PORTUGUESE CONSULATE until Noon on SATURDAY, the 2nd August, the COALS to be delivered into the Bunker of the Corroito at the Cosmopolitan Dock 24 hours after having been contracted for. Tenders should be addressed to the Portuguese Consul, marked "Tender." Further particulars can be obtained at the Consulate.

The lower any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

A. G. ROMANO,
Acting Consul for Portugal.

Portuguese Consulate, Hongkong, 10th July, 1884. 1248

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Hongkong, July 30, 1884. 1257

NOTICE.

SAYLE & Co. beg to inform their Customers and the Public in general that in consequence of the Death of the SENIOR PARTNER, the BUSINESS carried on in HONGKONG will be CLOSED.

On or before the 31st day of August Next,

AND THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK

is now offered at a REDUCTION of 25 per Cent.

on the Marked Prices.

Special terms will be made for parcels of Goods over \$100 in value purchased at one time.

All Sales from this date will be for Cash only. Customers are requested to make immediate Payment of Amounts due by them to the late Firm.

SAYLE & Co.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, June 9, 1884. 931

NOTICE.

OVERSTRUNG TRICORD COTTAGE

PIANOS,

by

NEUMAYER & Co., WEIDENLAUFER & ROSENKRANZ.

Specially manufactured for this climate.

COMPLETE IRON FRAME AND TUNING PLATE,

Unrivalled for Brilliance and Sweetness of Tone.

FINEST TOUCH.

Price for Cash, from \$230 to \$250.

On Hire, per month, from \$15 to \$20.

Special attention is called to the fact that after having hired a Piano for 14 months it will become without further payment the property of the hirer.

INSPECTION SOLICITED.

Apply to

Prof. A. VITA,

4, Old Bailey Street.

Hongkong, July 14, 1884. 1139

NOTICE.

CARLTON

WHISKEY

ELEVEN

YEARS OLD

CARLTON

WHISKEY

FIVE

YEARS OLD

CARLTON

WHISKEY

NOTICE.

CAUTION.—It has come to the knowledge of the Shippers of CARLTON WHISKIES that the empty Bottles have been dishonestly refilled with the poisonous trash very often sold in China under the name of Whiskey, this is therefore to caution consumers to CAREFULLY EXAMINE the Corks and CAPSULES to see they have not been tampered with; also that the Corks, Capsules, and Labels are branded with their Trade Mark.

Yours obediently,

W. GREEN SUTTON, Secretary.

GENTLEMEN.—In reply to your inquiry as to whether the Whiskey you are supplying to this Club is approved by the Members, the best answer I can give is that the consumption of this Whiskey in the Club has GREATLY INCREASED since it has been supplied by your firm. There can be no doubt whatever about the Whiskey being MOST EXCELLENT. It is Old and Soft, and I may safely say that it is much approved by the Members.

Yours obediently,

W. GREEN SUTTON, Secretary.

CARLTON CLUB, Dec. 20, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, BY DR. E. J. EITEL

CROWN OCTAVO, pp. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, " \$2.50

Part II. K-M, " \$2.50

Part III. M-T, " \$3.00

Part IV. T-Y, " \$3.00

A Reduction of ten per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kangxi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong,

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 6539.—AUGUST 1, 1884.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA AND OCEAN
LONDON, 31st July.
The Chinese Minister Li Fong Pao requested a prolongation of the date of settlement of the claim for an indemnity existing on Friday (to-morrow) but to this M. Ferry refused to accede.

CHOLERA IN ST. PETERSBURG.
Cholera in a mild form has appeared in St. Petersburg.

THE GOODWOOD CUP.
S. Simon... First
Oscar... Second
Friday... Third

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PAID CANAL.—Djedda, July 15; Ajaz, and Senter, July 16.

The next French Mail, per the M. M. Co., S. S. *Yongle*, left Singapore for Siam and this port on Thursday, 31st July, at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 7th instant.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL: ONE MILLION STERLING.

UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent of the above Company is prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS; at Current Rates, allowing the usual Discounts.

T. ARNOLD,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1884. 1280

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Gordon Castle*, Rowell, Commander, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignment of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their ports into the Godown of the Undersigned, at Wan-chai, No. 3, behind the premises known as "Blue Buildings," whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Opium Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. to-day, the 1st August.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 7th Instant will be subject to rate.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1884. 1283

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Menelaus leaves for London.

5 p.m.—Kien leaves for Bombay.

6 p.m.—Zafiro leaves for Manila.

5 p.m.—Alnacraig leaves for Yokohama and Higoo.

Actions.

2 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Ware, &c., at Mr. J. M. Armstrong's.

Tenders Close.

Neon—Tenders for supply of Cardiff Coal to H.M.F.M. corvette *Estrecho* received at the Portuguese Consulate.

Miscellaneous.

Dividend of 6% on Shares of H.K. C. & M. S. boat Co., Ltd., payable at H.K. and S. Bank.

Claims against the *Alnacraig* must be sent in to Messrs. Russell & Co., or before that date.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Established A.D. 1841.

香港大總理

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS OF DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, NURSERY REQUIREMENTS, TOILET REQUIREMENTS, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS OF Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aromatic Waters.

The Manufactury is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1884. 736

ARRIVALS.

July 31, 1884.—

Gordon Castle, British steamer, 1,300, J. Rowell, Cardiff June 12, and Singapore July 24, General—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

August 1.—

Picador, German steamer, 875, Th. Niemann, Singapore July 24, General—BUNN CHAN.

An-kan, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

Snowe, French corvette, 1,700, Commander Mouin, Mat. Su, July 27.

Huanzin, French cruiser, Roushan, Mat. Su July 27.

Atlanta, German steamer, 785, Pfahl, Newchwang July 24, Beans—SIEBENFELD & CO.

Sir G. Wolseley, British steamer, 1,177, G. Russell, Saigon July 27, General—CARLTON.

Menelaus, British steamer, 1,519, R. Nelson, Shanghai via Poohchow July 26, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

SHIPPING.

It is reported that the dispute has been settled, and that the ministers are now discussing the details of a new Treaty.

AFFAIRS AT FOOCHOW.

A cablegram was received here from Foochow to-day stating that China refuses to pay an indemnity, that was considered to be perfectly certain, that the French Consul had handed down his flag and had gone on board one of the French war vessels in port and that men had been landed from foreign men-of-war for the protection of residents.

Cleared.

Rodrigo, for Shanghai.

Achiles, for Amoy.

Gordon Castle, for Yokohama.

Zafiro, for Manila.

Wm. Phillips, for Haiphong.

Karangtung, for Cost. Ports.

Jolni for Manila.

Sorsogon, for Manila.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

For *Gordon Castle*, from Cardiff, &c., Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd, 3 children, Miss Steadman, and 172 Chinese from Singapore.

For *Picador*, from Singapore, 355 Chinese.

For Sir G. Wolseley, from Saigon, 5 Chinese.

For *Maudslay*, from Shanghai via Foochow, Mr. Baird, Mrs. Dalzell and child, and 61 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For *Tunao*, for Timor, Signor C. Jose de Brito, Sisters Mereez Alloccia, A. C. da Rosa, Sam de Jesus, Maria Jose de Jesus, Antonietta Tolino and Maria Cordeiro, Rev. A. M. Moreira, Messrs. Elias S. da Silva, and Jose da Reio Martins, Sergeant M. F. Correia, Julio Lito do Lages, 30 Solitaria, and 15 Chinese; for Australia, Messrs. Macpherson, F. Parker and Sheldon, and 35 Chinese.

For *Foolong*, for Shanghai, 15 Chinese.

For *Glory*, for Singapore, 1 European.

For *Namezou*, for Hoochow, 1 European, and 20 Chinese.

For *Batum*, for Manila, 1 European.

For *Daw-ee*, for Bangkok, 1 European, and 12 Chinese.

For *Merlin*, commands with her guns the Settlement and the bridge.

A rather exciting incident occurred at Saigon on the 19th ultmo. It seems that about ten o'clock in the morning, while the wild beasts in the Gardens were being fed, the tiger managed to escape from his cage when the native keeper opened the door to feed him. He provided the Gardens at large for about a quarter of an hour. A circle of men was ultimately formed round him, and he was gradually driven back to

the fort to the north of the city.

The Government Astronomer reports:

The barometer has risen in the South and fallen in the North. It appears that the typhoon has entered the mainland South of Tonquin.

The French are apparently sending home troops from Tonquin instead of sending them out. The transport *Tenqua*, with 630 soldiers from Saigon, sailed at Singapore on the 22nd ultmo en route for Toulon.

The *Spartan* leaves with the next French and Australian mails, left Singapore for Saigon and Hongkong yesterday, the 31st July, at 8 p.m.

The S.S. *San Pablo*, with mails etc., from San Francisco to the 12th ultmo, has arrived at Yokohama and will sail for this port on the 3rd instant.

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOME REPORTS:

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his cage, which he ultimately entered himself. The *Singapuri* states that the brute did not commit the fatal change while he was at large.

The cablegram published in our contemporary this morning states that the China Merchants fleet of steamers their wharves and other property have been sold to Messrs Russell & Co., as we believe, perfectly accurate. The purchase money is stated to be five and a quarter million of taels. Perhaps the China Merchants' Company have acted wisely in getting rid of what appears to have been "White Elephant" in their hands, and we have no doubt Messrs Russell & Co. will succeed in making the first profitable concern instead of being, as it is at the present moment, a source of heavy loss. That the pioneer and only steamship line of the Chinese should be an utter failure in a commercial sense, and that it has to pass into the hands of foreigners, is, of course, to be regretted in one way, but the enterprise will at least teach the Chinese Government one valuable lesson, namely, that it should charge itself with the internal development and improvement of the Empire before attempting competition with foreigners in a business of which the Chinese authorities could not possibly have understood the essential elements.

Unhappily the Chinese are not likely to be much richer on account of the purchase money paid for their fleet. We fear these five million odd taels will have to be handed over to the French, with probably a great many more millions. Owing to the blundering way in which the Chinese authorities have managed their political affairs, they have incurred an expenditure for an indemnity and war preparations which would have been sufficient to cover the cost of several submarine lines and to carry out some most important enterprises for the development of the country. Experience teaches that the Chinese appear to be gaining their experience in a most costly way. We should be glad to see the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people improved; this, however, can only be satisfactorily effected by a greater display of intelligence, common-sense, and honesty on the part of its rulers.

TUNG-CHOU, 21st July.—Two French men-of-war have arrived at Taku, and two at Lu-shun K'ou, to enforce the demand of France for an indemnity.—N. C. D. News.

The N. C. D. News states that according to advices received from Foochow, that place, in consequence of heavy rains, and descent of water from the hills, is partly flooded. The telegraph-poles and wires have been damaged, and it is impossible to send messages.

The Chinese are keeping their gunboats busy just now, says the N. C. D. News, conveying troops to the Shanghai Arsenal and vicinity. Two gun vessels arrived on Thursday (July 24th) with soldiers, and after landing them at the Arsenal left again yesterday (July 25th). The Arsenal authorities are apparently intent on building a boom to stretch across the Hwangpo, as we learn they have been making large purchases of chain cable.

Messrs Moody and Sankey's last mission will not have languished for want of distinguished patronage. During last week the hall on the Embankment was visited by the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Jersey, Lord and Lady Aberdeen, Lord Wolseley, Lady Gainsborough, and Lady Beauchamp, while the spiritual aristocracy was represented by the Bishop of Liverpool and Canon Wilberforce, both of whom took an active part in the proceedings. Mr Moody will be much to blame if there is not after this a marked diminution of spiritual wickedness in high places.—Truth.

BALZAC, one day, while lying awake in bed, saw a man enter his room cautiously, and attempt to pick the lock of his writing-desk. The rogue was not a little disconcerted at hearing a loud laugh from the occupant of the apartment, whom he supposed asleep. "Why do you laugh?" said Balzac. "I am helping my good fellow," said Balzac, "to tickle and pass you; you are taking, and risk your name, in hope of finding money by night in a desk where the lawful owner cannot find any by day."

As a recent election meeting in France, a savage elector got up, and, slinging his arms about him in a defiant manner, loudly demanded from the candidate a plain statement of his views on the political situation of the hour. "Mafay" was the reply, "all things duly weighed and considered, while taking every circumstance into account and accepting the logic of facts without overlooking possible chances, which should never be lost sight of; I make bold to assert that the present state of affairs indefinitely prolonged, we may have to wait a long time before a change takes place." Murmurs of approbation ran through the audience. The free and independent voter was satisfied, and沉没 down again.—Le Gaulois.

Buoyards broke one night into the workshop of a dyer in K'ing-hai, and had got together a pretty large-sized package of valuable dye-stuff, when the dyer, awakened by the noise, appeared on the scene, armed with a double-shooter. As he entered the door he espied two men skulking off to the other end of the dye-house. At the summons, "Stand, or I fire!" they both jumped into a vat which they thought empty, but which was filled with some colour liquid. Standing in this blue bath, they both cried for mercy. The dyer, however, took aim, and they ducked under, but soon came up again and gamely entered parson. But the relentless dyer gave them the benefit of a few extra dips, and then turned them out into the street without giving notice to the police. The dyer, however, in K'ing-hai, and everybody else, were of the "indigo-dye" school. They are likely to remain in the same for some time to come.—Yen-ming-ta.

I HAVE before referred, writes a correspondent of the *Australasia*, to the belief current among naturalists and medical men that flies are frequent agents for the diffusion of infectious diseases and pestilence. This article has recently been thoroughly studied by Dr. Grasi, a distinguished Italian physician, and he has published an note on his own researches. He thinks that both phthisis, typhoid, and other diseases are distributed by flies, and that ophthalmia is carried by them to infants in Egypt. The effects of flies deposited on our pictures and window frames may even contain the germs of such envenomed diseases. Dr. Grasi proved that the excreta of some flies he experimented with actually contained the eggs of a human parasite, on which he allowed them to feed. The eggs of tape-worms were found capable of being conveyed in a similar manner. Spores of the vine-disease fungus, &c., have also been discovered in the excreta of flies. All doubt, therefore, is now at an end as to whether these insects are or are not the disseminators of diseases.

There is a man in California, says *Figaro*, on whom the operation of castration of blood was resorted to with fortunate results. The blood of cats was imported to him, and restored his bodily health. Unhappily it lost him the virtue of a mind diseased. He now firmly believes he is a cat, and he apes feline ways. It is remarkable how naturally he takes to them. He sleeps on a rug before the fire, and sometimes during the night he will prowl round the premises, jump fences, climb to the roof of the house, and perch himself on the chimney. He years after castigation, and not only the shareholders will regret his loss, but a large section of the community if not the entire community. With the result we may expect that the report as presented by the Directors will be adopted, but before so doing a second, I shall be happy to answer any question any shareholder may wish to put.

Mr Robert Fraser-Smith addressed a few remarks to the meeting on the subject of the purchase of the *Zephyr*. In the course of which he said the shareholders would be glad to know on what grounds the Directors had decided to purchase the *Zephyr* at its present value. It is remarkable how naturally he takes to them. He sleeps on a rug before the fire, and sometimes during the night he will prowl round the premises, jump fences, climb to the roof of the house, and perch himself on the chimney. He years after castigation, and not only the shareholders will regret his loss, but a large section of the community if not the entire community. With the result we may expect that the report as presented by the Directors will be adopted, but before so doing a second, I shall be happy to answer any question any shareholder may wish to put.

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The following incident, showing the wonderful endurance and agility of a mare and the privations suffered by her rider, may be interesting to your readers.

Last month, when the effects of the drought were severely felt in Rikoma, my brother removed 500 head of cattle from a back station in that district to Victoria to save them from starvation. After delivering them he had occasion to go to Melbourne for two or three days, but left instructions with his men to return via Dunquin and camp a few miles out from the township, where he would meet them on Tuesday (Easter Tuesday). Upon arriving at Dunquin, he found that his mare, which had been left there for him, had been ridden during his absence, and was quite unfit for work, and he was compelled to spell her for a day. At midnight on Wednesday he started without, unfortunately, taking any refreshments with him, expecting to reach the camp before daylight. To his dismay, however, he found the resting-place deserted, the party (thinking as he did not arrive at the time appointed that he had taken another road) having moved on, as there was no feed in the vicinity for the horses. My brother, hoping that he would be able to overtake them, rode steadily and continued to do so until about 70 miles had been traversed, and still no signs of the men, no habitations of any description within the distance he had travelled, not a blade of grass, no water, nothing but the arid plain to meet his gaze! He began then to consider his position and the probability of his mare giving in. Turn back would be useless, and he determined therefore to jog slowly on and save the mare's strength as much as possible. The monotonous travelling continued until upwards of 120 miles had been accomplished.

On the motion of Mr McIver, seconded by Mr Cohen, Messrs Hausschild and O'Gourdin were re-elected as auditors.

The Chairman then said—Gentlemen,

this closes the general business of the meeting, but there is a duty still before me that I have to regret that there should be occasion to perform, and that is towards the late Secretary's family. You are aware that by the loss of the *Zephyr* we also lost our Secretary, that whom no Company ever had a more honourable, faithful and hard working servant. He did his duty in every respect well and faithfully. His widow and family are left in poor circumstances and though very poor indeed at the moment, and though the shareholders may not be able to give him a pension, I hope the shareholders will back that proposal, that we give a gratuity of one year's salary to the widow and children of Mr Carter. (Applause.)

Mr Holman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

In reply to some remarks made by Mr Smith, the Chairman said there was nothing whatever to keep in reserve regarding the negotiations which were undertaken for the purchase of the Company by Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Difficulties of a legal character, out of which there was no immediate or easy method conceivable, led to the withdrawal, on the part of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., of the offer which they made and there the matter rested. There were no negotiations proceeding, and he could not occupy this chair, and there were none in contemplation at the moment. What the future would produce he could not tell, but there was still some chance of negotiations at this time, than there were ten years ago.

A vote of thanks to the Directors was proposed by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Keawick, and given by acclamation.

Mr Keawick, in returning thanks, said the shareholders might be sure that everything would be done by the Directors for the Company which they could do. "Success was not always to be obtained, but they would at least try to deserve it by doing their best. (Hear, hear, and Applause.)

The meeting then dispersed.

The Dividend warrants will be issued to-morrow.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the Secretary.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, if you approve of the report we will take it as read.

It is usual, enters so fully into the details of the working of the Company for the six months under review, that there is very little left for me to mention to you. The figures in the report indicate how good the field in which the company's enterprise lies. You will observe that though the net receipts are less than during the pre-

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NOTICE.

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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
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MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK
SEA PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 7th August, 1884, at Noon, the 7th Company's S. S. "INDIA," Commandant N. V. with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon of 6th August, 1884.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 6th August, 1884. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, July 26, 1884. 1241

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COMPANY.

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THE U. S. Mail Steamship ("CITY OF
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Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
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England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-combating at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
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Europe.

Flight will be received on board until 4
p.m. on the 7th August. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.,
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Conular Invoice to accompany Cargo
destined to ports beyond San Francisco
should be sent to the Company's Offices in
Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.
F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1221

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NOTICE is hereby given, that by the
Provisions made under Two Bills of
Sale dated respectively the 3rd day of
March, 1883, made respectively between
ABRAHAM ELEAZER ABRAHAM of the one
part, and ALEXANDER AMADOR REA DA
SILVA of the other part, and the said
ABRAHAM ELEAZER ABRAHAM and SOLOMON
MEYERS of the other part, we the Under-
signed have this Day entered and taken
possession of the Premises known as the
"NOVELTY STORE," in Marine House, No.
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